

## GENERAL SPORTING GOSSIP

## HOW THE NEW BASE BALL CLUB IS COMING ON.

Mr. Scanlon Seems to Be Doing Very Well  
—The Park is All Right—The League Reserve List—Talk of the Clubs.

Mr. Michael Scanlon is doing admirably with his new base-ball venture. Without any reserve list to commence with, without any players pledged to his agreement, he has sent his emissary out and the returns have been most gratifying, as already he has signed a constellation that cannot help being a success here. He has engaged players that other clubs were after, and to show how strong they are we give below the average of the men. In this list is included Donovan, the great center-fielder of the Boston of last season, who is pretty certain will play here. He led the country at center-field last year and is a great player. O'Brien and Maguire, the battery that is practically secured, though as yet unsigned, are not included. By comparing this list it will be seen that the men show up remarkably strong, and will naturally improve somewhat this season. The list is as follows:

	Batting.	Fielding.
Beecher, J. F.	.302	.880
McQuerry, J. B.	.295	.876
Hatfield	.277	.880
Vismar	.266	.874
Donovan	.256	.837
Smalley	.254	.868
Bakeley	.248	.856
Dunlap	.200	.888

## The Permit Granted.

The District Commissioners have decided that the application of the National Base Ball Club for a permit to erect a grand stand and seats at the National Park is lawful, and they have accordingly directed Inspector Entwistle to give the permit to the contractor, Mr. Dunn. Dr. C. M. Purvis, of Freedman's Hospital, appeared before the Commissioners on Friday and argued against the issuing of the permit, but as he had no good grounds on which to base his argument his opposition was unavailing. Col. W. A. Cook appeared in behalf of the ball club. Engineer Commissioner Roberts was very emphatic in saying that there was no valid reason for withholding a permit and it should be given, to which Commissioner Ross quickly assented. Work will commence in earnest Monday, and the contractor will push it until it is finished.

Manager Trotter last week signed McQuerry to play first-base and Vismar to play in the right field and change catcher. Both are regarded as star engagements. Big McQuerry, as his associates call him, is remembered here best as a member of the Kansas City team, his hard hitting and clever fielding calling forth more praise than any other player. He is a grand batter and a speedy base runner, while he has a rather mean habit, to batsmen, of stopping seemingly safe hits over in his direction. Vismar is a clever back-stop and a No. 1 fielder, and in securing him to play right-field Manager Trotter has got a first-class man. He is a hard hitter, a sure catch, and one of the longest throwers in the profession and has often cut off runs from the field to home-base.

Hoy, despite his reported engagement with the Cincinnati, last week signed to play with the Athletics of Philadelphia. We protest against this style of work. Hoy by right belonged to the club of this city, and our National people should demand his services. If they are going to allow the other organizations to walk over them they do not deserve support; that is, if the stories given out by themselves in regard to promises made by the League to them have any foundation in fact. Hoy is just the man needed to cement our strong out-field, and a fight should be made for him.

With Buck Ewing at the head of the New York League Club and Johnnie Ward at the head of the Brooklyn League team the rivalry between the two cities the coming season will be very great.

The schedule committee of the National League and American Association are at work. It will be difficult to please all the magnates, as all are looking for plums in the shape of holidays.

Fred Dunlap has been heard from again and he has signed to captain and play second-base for the Washington team next season. Washington has in the past been a good base-ball city and surrounded by good players. Dunlap ought to restore the game to what it was before.—*Boston Democrat*.

Hugh Daily, the one-armed pitcher who was with the Cleveland League team some years ago, is getting himself into trim. He wants to try his hand at the business again and see if he cannot better some of the heavy sluggers as he did some years ago.

Becher, no done good work for the Buffalo Brotherhood team, will be a good man for the Washington team next season, where he has signed to play.—*Boston Democrat*.

Mr. G. A. Lyon, of the Star, is now doing the Sporting Life from this city. It goes without saying that the work will be brilliantly done.

The opening game will take place on Monday, March 30, but with whom it is not known as yet.

George Keefe, the East Washington boy, has signed a contract to play on the Nationals next season. Keefe is one of the best pitchers in America when he is in condition. While he was with the Washingtons and Buffalos he made a splendid record. Tom Daly, the great catcher, said he was the best left-hand pitcher in America, and would, with proper coaching, be without a peer. He pledged his word to Director Scanlon to live up to every agreement.

The Washington players who are to become members of the National Club have received orders to report here on March 15.

The contract for the erection of the grand stands, fences, etc., for the National Park has been awarded to Mr. James R. Dunn, the same gentleman who in past seasons erected the ones at Capitol and Atlantic Parks. The price named in the contracts is nearly \$10,000, and it is stipulated that the work must be finished in time for preliminary practice. Mr. Dunn generally does his work in an acceptable manner.

It is now said that Bassett will cover Baltimore's second-base. Pittsburgh wants Bassett also and has the best chance of getting him, he being a League player.

Manager Trotter has telegraphed that he has signed Bakeley, the great pitcher of the Cleveland League and Players' League teams, to play here next season. It is the first part of the battery end secured for the team, and every one admits that it is a grand beginning. Bakeley has a magnificent record, both as a pitcher and batsman.

At a meeting held February 9, 1891, the Waverleys, a club composed of ex-professional and semi-professional players, were permanently organized. The club intends to take short trips and play all the local clubs of the surrounding country. The following players have signed: Rebeck, Bishop, Fogarty, Lackey, Winkelman, W. Gordon, Connor, Hennessy, J. Gordon, and Malone. Mr. George F. Smith, of the City Post Office, has the management, to whom all communications should be addressed.

The Brooklyn League team are the first to secure dates for this city. They will play here on April 9, 10, and 11.

The Boston, New York, and Pittsburgh have written for dates, but Manager Trotter has not closed with them as yet.

## BASE BALL.

## The Reserve List—Trouble Ahead—Swearing Dire Vengeance.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The following is the official list of players reserved by the League clubs as far as made public:

Chicago—Reserved, Anson, Pfeffer, Cooney, Williamson, Dahlen, Ryan, Duffy, Carroll, Wilcox, Foster, Burns, Glenavlin, Farrell, Nagle, Kittredge, Graft, Huchison, Luby, Stein, Gumbert, Van Halten, Dwyer, Tener, Earle, and Darling.

New York—Reserved, Ewing, Clark, Buckley, Brown, Keefe, Rusie, Welch, Crane, Sharrott, Burkett, Connor, Whistler, Bassett, Richardson, Glasscock, Ward, Whitney, O'Rourke, Gore, Slattery, Tiernan, and Denny. Released, Hornung, Murphy, and O'Day.

Brooklyn—Reserved, Terry, Lovett, Caruthers, Hemming, Daly, Bushong, Clark, Kinslow, Foutz, Collins, Pinkney, Burns, O'Brien, Smith, and Ward. Released, (conditionally,) Donovan and Vismar.

Philadelphia—Reserved, Clements, Gray, Hallman, Gleason, Sanders, Myers, Allen, Mulvey, Mayer, Hamilton, Sunday, Thompson, Fogarty, Thornton, Schultz, and Esper. Released, Farrar and Buffington.

Pittsburg—Reserved, Beckley, Bierbauer, Miller, Root, Burke, Hanlon, Carroll, Fields, Staley, Calvin, Smith, Day, Anderson, Becker, Mack, Decker, Wilson, Lane, and Kuhn. Released, McCormick, Beck, Conway, and Morris.

President Thurman is to hold his position for only one year and is to be succeeded by Mr. Rogers who after a like term will give way to Mr. Kraithoff.

The base ball board of control this afternoon rendered a number of decisions in cases in which two or more clubs claimed the services of a player. Louis Bierbauer was a member of the Athletic club of Philadelphia in 1889, but went over to the Players' League when it was formed. When the franchise reverted to the Association, his name was omitted in some way from the reserved list. Pittsburg was quick to take advantage and signed Bierbauer. In summing up, the board said:

"Undoubtedly the Pittsburg Club has the legal right to the man, but morally it has not. It ought to withdraw its claim; but as it does not we must reluctantly decide in favor of Pittsburg. The case of H. G. Stovey was exactly the same as that of Bierbauer, except that he was claimed by Boston, and the board was compelled to decide in favor of Boston. The slap administered to these clubs in these cases was a severe one. Connie Mack was given to Pittsburg. He was claimed by the Boston Association Club. St. Louis was given Denny Lyons over the rival claims of Chicago. The board also adopted a classification of leagues and associations based on the salaries paid, the number of clubs, and the population of their cities. It is proposed that a club in any class may hire any player from a lower class association by paying an indemnity to the club he is drawn from."

The Bierbauer-Stovey decision did much to dissipate the feeling of brotherly love and fellowship which until this afternoon has apparently characterized the meeting of the base-ball magnates. Following the decision managers Barrie, of the Baltimore, and Irwin, of the Philadelphia, will be pulling their hair and swearing dire vengeance. According to the statement of the great holder of control is of no earthly good and does not know its business. In this connection it is an interesting fact that Mr. Kraithoff, one of the members of the board of control, filed a supplement to the decision intimating that if the matter of dispute took place since February, the date of the present national agreement, the result would have been different. He says there was no jurisdiction to enforce an equity under the former national agreement, and adds that the jurisdictional question is not likely to present itself a second time. Irwin and Barrie were busily engaged the balance of the afternoon in buttonholing every other representative of the Association clubs. To say that there is only a small amount of dissatisfaction expressed by the Association clubs is putting it lightly. Especially are they angry at the action of the president of the board of control, who while still president of the American Association, voted against the Athletics and the Boston. They threatened to get their rights by common law, though it is probable that Mr. Thurman was thoroughly posted on the law in the case when he cast his vote. There is nevertheless a clause in the national agreement which says all disputes shall be judged in equity. If this clause holds good, and Irwin, Barrie, and several others claim it is the law by which matters ought to be settled, it is possible the decision of the board may be changed. The Association people say it will be reversed. Mr. Thurman says it will not.

Mr. Thurman was very wrathful at some of the remarks let drop by the Association men. He was greatly excited when he was met by A. C. Spalding in the hall on the third floor of the hotel. In a loud voice, trembling with passion, he related to Mr. Spalding what the Association said of Mr. Cowen and others. "If they make any fuss over this matter or dispute the fairness of our decision," he declared, "I'll leave the Association and resign from the board."

Mr. Spalding hurried away and saw every member of the Association and endeavored to quiet them, which to at least some extent he did. The board adjourned subject to the call of the chairman and the members are now on the way home. The Western Association completed its business to-night by adopting the schedule prepared by the new committee.

## ROWING AND ATHLETICS.

On Saturday evening the Columbias will give their usual fortnightly athletic exhibition. Capt. Stinemetz is arranging an entirely new programme. He will do away with tumbling, vaulting, and the flying rings, and will have nothing but sparring and wrestling, in which the best talent of the club will take part. Among the sparrers will be Dickinson, Irwin, Carter, Green, Maguire, Wells, Ranier, Dachtell, Webb, Freyhold, Brown, Walsh, Spalding, and others, while the wrestlers will be from among Kerr, Oliver, Mitchell, Lewis, Blount, Jannus, Duke, Shafit, and others.

The Potomac Athletics will give their fourth exhibition on Friday evening next at their quarters, Seventeenth street and Pennsylvania avenue. The musical part of the programme is being arranged by Mr. J. G. Traylor and will be excellent. The athletic part will embrace sparring, wrestling, and fencing, in which the most scientific men will appear. Admission will only be on invitation of members. The committee hopes to make it more interesting than their last affair, which was undoubtedly the finest ever held in this city.

Bobby Elder, of the C. A. C., who injured his arm at the last exhibition, hopes to have it in condition for the next.

Fuller, who formerly pitched for the Washington League team, has been elected a member of the C. A. C., and will play with their ball team next summer. He presented affidavits from the managers of the old Washington club, saying that he never received a penny for his service while on their team. He will be a big addition.

There is a young amateur sparrer named Bateman in Georgetown whom the Potomacs will probably secure for their organization. He is a perfect hurricane of a fighter and weighs in at 118 pounds only.

The New York Sun had a long article in its columns recently going for the athletes of Philadelphia. It charged them with unfairness, selfishness, and lack of all sportsmanlike manners toward visitors to their meetings. This

bears out the statements made by visitors from this city to recent affairs. The Navy is for Philadelphia all the time, and a visitor has got to win decidedly ere he gets the medal.

Wesley Cook, the champion 120-pound youngster of the District, and one of the most expert sparrers for points, will take part in the Potomacs' entertainment on Friday night.

John Irwin, the heavy champion of the C. A. C., is fast recovering his old form, and when he gets there again he intends to make some of those who dispute his title run to the corner. John is not only scientific, but a gentleman sparrer all the time.

The Middle State Regatta Association will give their big affair this year on July 4. This will conflict with the People's regatta on the Schuylkill, which the Middle States' people are inclined to combat.

The rowing men of the C. A. C. have commenced, under the care of Capt. Stinemetz, to get in shape for the time to launch their craft. They are now doing "gym" work to reduce their surplus flesh. It is expected that about fifty men will try to get in the various crews this summer.

Lieut. Kennedy, of the Anafostans, believes that his club will put out a junior crew this summer that will do justice to the organization. They have a new four-oared shell, and the material at hand is the best the club has ever had.

The Potomac Athletics—that is, the progressive members of the organization—are thinking of getting up a first-class athletic entertainment at one of the theatres, the proceeds of which are to go toward purchasing the steam launch that is to run between their home and the athletic grounds during the summer. They hold that enough local talent can be secured to assist that from Philadelphia and New York to make it a big success.

At the entertainment on Saturday evening next of the Columbia Athletics, for the first time, a number of outside athletes will take part. Among those who will officiate is Mr. Charles A. Glazier, the skillful and scientific heavy-weight sparrer of the Warren Athletic Club, of Wilmington, Del. He has a splendid record, and will be put up against Dickinson. Among others who will come will be H. Walter light weight, a companion of champion Rocap. He will spar with Freddy Maguire.

## Horse Races Yesterday.

GUTTENBURG, N. J., Feb. 14.—The track was still very heavy, and most of the events were decided in rather slow time. The stable of the late Frank Rummel was sold at auction in the paddock just before the races. Little Jake brought the highest price, going to J. Brown for \$1,200. First race—Seven furlongs. Marie Lovell won, Orton second. Time, 1:33. Second race—Six and a half furlongs. Miss Williams won, Hope colt second. Time, 1:27. Third race—Three furlongs. Rhoda colt won, Ella Lakeland second. Time, 0:59. Fourth race—One mile. Text won, Sallie Harper second. Time, 1:53. Fifth race—Five and a half furlongs. Monsoon won, Lemon Blossom second. Time, 1:16. Sixth race—Seven furlongs. Silent won, John Jay S. second. Time, 1:36.

GLOUCESTER, N. J., Feb. 14.—Following are the results of to-day's events: First race—Four and a half furlongs. Repartee won, Censor second. Time, 1:05. Second race—Four and a half furlongs. Noonday won, P. J. H. second. Time, 1:03. Third race—Four and a half furlongs. Silence won, Copperfield second. Time, 1:03. Fourth race—Six and a half furlongs. Vevay won, Lannes second. Time, 1:39. Fifth race—Six and a half furlongs. India Rubber won, Bargain second. Sixth race—One mile. Jackstaff won, J. T. second. Time, 1:57.

## Army Officer to Be Court-Martialed.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—A special from San Antonio, Tex., says Capt. Harry Wessels, of Co. H, Third Cavalry, U. S. A., will be court-martialed under orders from the Secretary of War. The charges are language unbecoming an officer and insubordination. While the company was under orders to be in readiness to go to the Sioux country Capt. Wessels requested leave of absence, which request was refused by Brig. Gen. Stanley. On the back of the refusal Wessels indorsed another request and forwarded it to the War Department. He said also that Gen. Stanley was a drunkard and incompetent to manage a military company. The affair has caused a sensation in Army circles, and amusing developments are expected at Wednesday's trial. Wessels says he can prove everything he said.

## Youthful Railway Wrecker.

LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Detective Owen Kavanagh last night arrested Rufus Yarrington, 13 years of age, son of Capt. John Yarrington, of Oyster Bay Village, as the person who placed the two logs across the Long Island Railroad track near the station Thursday evening, nearly causing the wreck of a passenger train. The boy had been seen in the vicinity where the logs were found by one of the villagers who informed the detective. The boy soon after his arrest confessed that he placed the logs on the track. His object seems to have been pure mischief.

## Army Appropriation Bill Passed.

The Senate yesterday agreed to the conference report on the Army Appropriation bill. The provision in relation to payment for transportation on land-added railroads is that the compensation shall be on a basis which the Secretary of War shall deem just and reasonable, not to exceed 60 per cent. of the rates charged to private parties for similar transportation.

## New Financial Measure.

Representative Morrow, of California, yesterday introduced in the House at the request of Mr. Francis Newlands, of Nevada, a bill to provide for the free coinage of silver, the product of the mines, mills, and smelters of the United States and to provide against the contraction of the currency and for the unification of the currency.

## A Little Girl Burned to Death.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 14.—At Warren this morning the three-story building occupied by A. P. Znevoles as a drug store burned. His seven-year-old daughter was burned to death. Mrs. Znevoles and the hired girl were badly burned in making their escape. The fire started from an over-heated stove.

## Lieut. Mason's Death.

PINE RIDGE, S. D., Feb. 14.—First Lieut. John S. Mason, Jr., son of Col. John S. Mason, retired, is dead. Lieut. Mason had been in the Army since 1879 and was an officer in the First Infantry. He married a daughter of Gen. E. O. C. Ord.

## Successful Strike by Weavers.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Feb. 14.—The strike of weavers at the Cornhill Mill was settled this afternoon. The weavers have received what they asked for, and the mill will resume operations Monday morning.

## Mrs. Burnett Coming Home.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett will soon return to the United States. She has been working upon a new play during her stay in Europe.

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## Struck by an Engine.

Last night at 6:45 o'clock an extra train on the Baltimore and Potomac Road was leaving the city, and while crossing Fifth street southeast, it ran into and demolished one of the large oil wagons belonging to the Baltimore United Oil Company. The engine No. 133 was in charge of Engineer Charles Allen and Fireman Morris Parsons, while the wagon was driven by a white man named Pat Holland. The fault was entirely with the driver of the wagon, and he was the only man injured. He was thrown about forty yards and broke his right arm and leg. He was picked up insensible and carried to Providence Hospital, where his injuries were dressed. The wagon, with its one hundred gallons of oil, was totally wrecked. The engine received no injury.

## New Art Galleries.

An event of interest to art lovers in Washington will be the opening this week of the new art store and galleries of Mr. W. H. Veerhoff at No. 1217 F street northwest. Mr. Veerhoff will close his store at 411 Seventh street, and continue the stores at 916 Seventh street and 1221 Pennsylvania avenue. In addition he will have the F street establishment, which will include an important feature besides the store for the sale of pictures and frames. This feature will consist of handsome galleries for the display of works of art of a high order, paintings, water-colors, pastels, etc. A fine collection of paintings, made by Mr. Charles F. Haseltine, the well-known collector, will occupy one gallery. Here will be displayed notable works by such artists as Boughton, Berne, Coomas, Henner, Jacques, Jacquet, Lambert, Lessel, Munkacsy, Pasini, Stevens, Vallon, and Ziem. In the store Mr. Veerhoff will show a fine line of etchings, prints, engravings, and photographs. Frames for pictures and mantels will also be supplied or made to order from designs.

## Notice.

The To-Kalon Wine Company will ship in lots of four or more dozens in strong boxes that can safely go as freight without charge for packing. Send for price list and catalogue, 614 Fourteenth street northwest.

## News Notes.

Government receipts yesterday, \$1,361,215.

Virginia postmasters appointed: R. L. Dietrick at Lorraine, D. L. Elder at Rosey.

That the House shall meet at 10 A. M. during the remainder of this session is proposed by a resolution introduced yesterday.

Gen. Isaac E. Quinby is to have a pension of \$72 a month by bill that has passed Congress.

The consideration of the Indian Appropriation bill was concluded by the House yesterday.

The credentials of Hon. Wm. F. Vilas, Senator-elect from Wisconsin, as successor to Mr. Spooner, were laid before the Senate yesterday.

The President has approved the act for the disposal of the abandoned Fort Ellis military reservation in Montana under the homestead law.

The Senate, by resolution adopted yesterday, authorized the Select Committee on Relations with Canada to continue its investigations during the recess.

Vice President Morton yesterday designated Senators Chandler and Harris as members of the board of visitors at the annual examination of cadets at the Naval Academy.

Senators Manderson and Walthall were yesterday appointed by Vice President Morton to be members of the board of visitors at the annual examination of cadets at West Point Military Academy.

Secretary Noble yesterday issued an order announcing the death of Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, of Virginia, who was Secretary of the Interior under Fillmore. In respect for his memory the Department will be draped in mourning for thirty days and will be closed at noon on the day of his funeral, Monday.

## Special Notice.

The Rochdale Cooperative Society of the District of Columbia, which numbers over five thousand members, and whose members have to provide for at least twenty thousand persons, is by its executive committee receiving from merchants and dealers offers for contracts for the year beginning April 1, 1891. As much time and labor is required in the preparation of the trade list dealers are requested to send in their propositions without delay. Merchants who have not received the circular in regard to proposals can be furnished with the same on application to the secretary. All communications should be addressed to J. W. HARRIS, Secretary, 905 H street northwest.

## DIED.

MCNEIL.—February 13, 1891, Alice Rebecca, wife of Andrew J. McNeil, and daughter of the late John and Amelia Beall, at her home in Westmoreland County, Va., of congestion of the brain.

Gone but not forgotten. Leaving your friends to weep, Safe in the arms of Jesus! Sleep, dear Alice, sleep.

By HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, J. M. L. COWIE.—On February 13, 1891, at 4:30 P. M., Col. George Cowie, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. Funeral notice in to-morrow's Post.

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## Special Notices.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY of the Sons of the American Revolution are requested to meet at the Arlington Hotel at 1 P. M. on TUESDAY, the 17th instant, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late David Dixon Porter, Admiral United States Navy, and President of said society.

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